



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
*District of Rhode Island*

**NOTICE OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE LINCOLN D.  
ALMOND AND MAGISTRATE JUDGE PATRICIA A. SULLIVAN**

The Judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island have reappointed Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond to a new eight-year term commencing September 10, 2020, and Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan to a new eight-year term commencing October 1, 2020 upon the recommendation of a Merit Selection Panel appointed pursuant to the [Order](#) dated January 6, 2020.

Judge Almond was first appointed to be a U.S. Magistrate Judge by the Court on September 10, 2004, and he was reappointed in 2012. This will be Judge Almond's third term of U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Rhode Island. Judge Sullivan was first appointment to be a U.S. Magistrate Judge by the Court on October 1, 2012. This will be her second term as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Chief Judge McConnell stated: "The court enthusiastically and without hesitation unanimously reappointed Judges Almond and Sullivan. Both of them are hardworking and pragmatic jurists who are held in the highest regard by the judges and staff of this court and the bar. The Court and the people of Rhode Island are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated public servants who are passionate about their work and the pursuit of justice."

Magistrate Judges typically presides over pretrial matters in all types of civil case and, with the consent of the parties, presides over civil cases through judgment. Additionally, they conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal; cases and preside over misdemeanor actions and petty offenses. Further, Magistrate Judges act as mediators and conduct numerous settlement conferences.

More information about Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond can be found by clicking [here](#) and more information about Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan can be found by clicking [here](#).

June 30, 2020

Hanorah Tyer-Witek  
Clerk of Court